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Declaration Under 35 C. F. R. 1.131

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

1. I am the sole inventor and owner of the subject matter disclosed and claimed in the above-identified patent application.
2. Prior to January 12, 2000, having earlier conceived my invention, I had completed my invention of a computer program comprising a main navigational window having a plurality of buttons for opening additional windows, the plurality of buttons including an artists button and an avenues button, wherein the artists button opens an artists window having data fields for entering and/or viewing information relating to particular artists and the avenues button opens an avenues window having data fields for entering and/or viewing information relating to different avenues of marketing.
3. The completion of my invention is evidenced by a photocopy of a zip disc storage box label for a zip disc that is attached hereto as Exhibit A. The label indicates dates when versions

of software embodying my invention were recorded thereon. Each of the relevant dates which have been blacked-out from Exhibit A are prior to January 12, 2000.

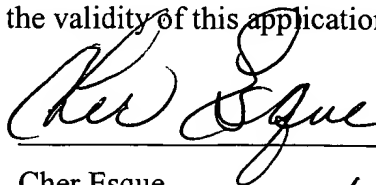
Prior to January 12, 2000, several versions of software embodying my invention had been completed and successfully tested as evidenced by Exhibit A.

4. The completion of my invention is also evidenced by screen shots of the software stored on the zip disc (Exhibit A) that is attached hereto as Exhibit B. The screen shots include: (1) a main navigational window having a plurality of buttons for opening additional windows including an artists button and an avenues button; (2) an artists window having data fields for entering information relating to particular artists; (3) an avenues window having data fields for entering information relating to different avenues of marketing; (4) windows indicating creation and modification dates for the software. Each of the relevant dates which have been blacked-out from Exhibit B are prior to January 12, 2000. Exhibits A and B show that my invention was completed prior to January 12, 2000.

5. I met with Richard M. Mescher of Porter, Wright, Morris & Arthur LLP on or about March 31, 2000 to inquire about obtaining patent protection for my invention. The patent application for my invention was filed on October 13, 2000. From the completion date of my invention (prior to January 12, 2000) until the filing date of the patent application (October 13, 2000), I was continuously attempting to license my invention, adding additional functionality to my software product, and assisting in the preparation of my patent application.

6. I further state that all statements made of my own knowledge are true, that all statements on information and belief are believed to be true, and that the above statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of The United States Code, and that any such willful false statement may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing thereon.

By:



Cher Esque

Date:

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